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Attorney Docket No. 00296/LH

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT  
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant : S. MORIKAWA ET AL.

Serial No. : 09/557,980

Filed : April 25, 2000

For : SECURITY MANAGING SYSTEM,  
DATA DISTRIBUTION APPARATUS  
AND PORTABLE TERMINAL  
APPARATUS

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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Responsive to the Office Action dated March 4, 2004, the  
term for response to which expires June 4, 2004, please amend the  
present application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims  
which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.

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